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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Some Important Happenings in the South

THAT MAY PLEASE OUR READERS

An Assortment of Newsy Events That Occurred in our Midst that Cannot Fail to Interest.

Anaheim is preparing to harvest a large apricot crop.

E. J. Baldwin is at Santa Anita with his stable of horses.

It has been three days since Catalina furnished a fish story.

Ventura pays 75 cents an inch for printing the delinquent tax list.

Long Beach is to have daily band concerts through the coming summer season.

The small pox in Los Angeles came high, (\$21,020.90,) but the city had to have it.

While rain was meat for the fruit-growers it was poison for the grain-growers.

M. K. Weaver of South Santa Monica says he saw a sixty-foot sea serpent off shore last week.

The trial of Yda Addis Storke for libel is creating unusual interest at Santa Barbara.

So far Jeffries has not developed a disposition to rush into print. Still, that may come later.

Lompoc will soon have railroad connection, and preparations are being made to properly celebrate the occasion.

L. E. Pinkerton, a member of the detective family of the name, has purchased a 20-acre ranch near Santa Ana.

The San Diego Chamber of Commerce is preparing literature for circulation upon the new Lower California placer gold district.

That Pasadena family whose purpose ate their sausages and died as a consequence now know what a good practice it is to "try it first on a dog."

Thomas Woods shot himself accidentally at Santa Barbara, nearly blowing the top of his head off. He lived long enough to tell how it happened.

Officer Peter Storms of Santa Barbara was stabbed last night by a railroad man whom he had arrested for drunkenness. The policeman is not seriously injured.

Sometimes a wooden leg is much more satisfactory than one of flesh and bone, as a citizen of Pasadena, whose willow limb has been bitten twice by dogs, can testify.

A large area of land in the Bixby ranch at Los Alamitos has been drawn from the production of sugar beets and is now being prepared for alfalfa and grain.

A burglar entered a saloon at Visalia and stole a slot machine, but left the cash register untouched. The fellow evidently knew which took in the greater amount of cash.

The report that the Vanderbilts are about to construct a line of railway from Salt Lake to Los Angeles is gratifying. It would doubtless be slightly more gratifying if similar reports had not been heard before.

Several of the smaller towns of Southern California are now educating their youth to gamble by means of slot machines that were driven out of use in Los Angeles. It's an expensive kind of education.—L. A. Times.

A sea serpent which carries its head ten feet above the water has been seen from South Santa Monica. This is an attraction no other coast resort is likely to equal until it gets a brand of liquor as bad as that used at South Santa Monica.

There are indications that we shall soon see as much lunacy displayed in the rush to Lower California as there was when the Klondike craze was on, and the probability is that nine-tenths of those who go will come back poorer than before they started.—L. A. Record.

Any good physician who is looking for a place to locate will be welcomed to Lancaster. The Gazette says the people there are living so luxuriously since the return of prosperity that the services of a doctor are in demand to correct the resulting effects.—L. A. Times.

Encouraged by the success of the Ferris people in developing water, Moreno residents are working on a well-boring project. They have already subscribed over \$2000 and hope to increase this amount to \$3000, which, it is estimated, will cover the cost of an 800-foot well.

It is a rather singular circumstance that apricot trees in the vicinity of Anaheim that were badly infested with

scale and smut last year are entirely clean and free from the infestation this year. This is doubtless one of the instances in which the drought did not result in unmitigated injury.

John Vidoich of San Pedro missed the opportunity of his life Wednesday when he caught that "monster porpoise shark." He ought to have let the leviathan tow him about the bay four or five years, unset a schooner or two, and knock a few rocks off of Dead Man's Island. Evidently John is no man to compete with Catalina fishermen.—L. A. Herald.

A correspondent writing from Catalina says that the tuna which tipped Jim Gardner's boat over a few days ago cost about \$300 in articles lost by the occupants of the boat. Two gold watches, besides other valuables, went to the bottom of the bay. But what does \$300 amount to compared with the glory of getting the prize for catching the first tuna of the season?

Another instance showing how wealth lies unobserved under the feet of Californians is shown in a report which comes from Vaughn, near Kernville, where a ledge of rock which has been tramped over for years has just been discovered to be rich in gold and silver. Claims have been recorded, and negotiations for a transfer of the property are in progress with New York capitalists.

The dead body of a man was found three miles from Soledad, upon whom were papers showing him to be the George H. Styles, an inmate of the Veterans' Home at Santa Monica, with a furlough for thirty days, which expired ten days ago. A discharge from Company H, Eighteenth regiment Indiana Volunteers, was also found upon his person. Heart disease is supposed to have caused his death.

The San Bernardino Times-Index says the large bands of sheep which have been brought into San Bernardino county for pasture, and are scattered along the south side of the government forest reservation, are not encroaching on the reservation. It is evident the patrol is doing good work, as the sheep men manifested a purpose to enter the reservation if possible, as they have done heretofore.

After a long and much-needed rest, owing, doubtless, to the departure of Billee Carlson, San Diego has again begun the construction of trunk-line railroads having that town for their terminus. Even more than the usual mystery surrounds the latest enterprise. All that is known about it is that some one heard somebody say that some surveyors were thinking of going to work preparing the way for a direct line from the east—and that, it is likely, is all that ever will be known about it.

The Santa Paula Chronicle is endeavoring to arouse the people of Ventura county to the importance of doing something to attract the attention of the members of the National Educational Association. "The visitors are," it says, "to be scooted through Ventura county—the county with the greatest diversity of products and industries in the state—without an opportunity to see, except from the car windows, the wealth, advantages, opportunities and places of interest here. Let us sidetrack them at least a day."

It is a fact worthy of note, and a cause for gratification, that the Memorial day exercises in Southern California were participated in by children this year more largely than ever before. In Pasadena, Riverside, Redlands, San Bernardino, Pomona, Santa Monica, Santa Ana, and doubtless other towns, children took a considerable part in the exercises. This experience will instill into the minds of these children a sense of the seriousness of patriotism that could scarcely be taught them in any other manner.

Success beyond the expectations of those who promoted the undertaking seems to have followed the effort to deepen the entrance to San Diego harbor by forcing a jet of water on the bar from a pump. It is reported that the channel has been deepened about four feet within three weeks, and at a cost of about \$1000, making the present depth about twenty-five feet at low tide. It is proposed now to urge the government to continue the work till a total depth of twenty-eight or thirty feet is secured. In view of the small expense, it would seem hardly worth while to wait on the government for the work.

The people of Southern California generally have a very inadequate conception of the extent to which attention is being directed to this section already by the approaching session of the National Educational Association. All the educational journals throughout the country are devoting a large portion of their space to the meeting, and especially to descriptions of points of interest in this section. As an illustration, the Intelligence, a semi-monthly journal published in Chicago, of the date of May 15, contains no less than twenty-half-tone illustrations and some fifteen or more pages of descriptive matter relating to this section and to the meeting.

PACIFIC COAST NEWS

Important Information Gathered Around the Coast.

ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST

A Summary of Late Events That Are Boiled Down to Suit our Busy Readers.

Redlands has voted \$500 in bonds for kindergarten purposes.

Sacramento, June 2.—Governor Gage this afternoon appointed Captain W. H. Seaman of the State Commission in Lunacy, to be Adjutant-General.

The man who is determined to go either to the Klondike or the Lower California placer fields has to decide whether he prefers to die by freezing or from thirst.

The minions of the law in Stockton have no respect for dignity or social position. The principal of the High School rode his bicycle on the sidewalk in front of the school building, where there were children standing, and was promptly arrested by an officer.

Fresno is agitating the question whether or not it will be worth while to do anything to entertain the teachers after the national convention in Los Angeles. The mossbacks and the hustlers seem to be about equal in numbers.—L. A. Times.

Practical philanthropy has taken an interesting form in San Francisco, where a wealthy citizen has constructed a floating house, in which he intends to take unemployed men from San Francisco up the Sacramento river to the fruit region, where help is wanted.

The temperance people at Berkeley knocked out one of the strongest arguments for the existence of saloons in that town by pledging themselves to pay into the treasury a sum equal to the revenue derived from liquor licenses. An ordinance has now been passed providing for the abolition of saloons after October 1.

The Native Sons of California have undertaken a commendable work in proposing to present medals and certificates to all volunteers from this state who entered the military service for the Spanish-American war. Although each such token will be a small matter in itself, it will be highly esteemed for the appreciation it will express.

A very important decision, concerning damages obtainable from a trust, was handed down at San Francisco by United States Judge Morrow. The case was that of M. Sauret, a local retail coal dealer, against R. D. Chandler, a local wholesale coal merchant and member of the coal combine. Judge Morrow held that any person suffering loss at the hands of a trust could recover triple damages from any member of the trust.

Oakland.—During the progress of a fire which partly destroyed the fine residence of William C. Price in East Oakland, thieves entered and looted the building. Among other things, they carried a case filled with gold nuggets and other valuable minerals from the premises. After the fire small nuggets worth about \$10 were picked on the lawn. The value of the missing specimens is about \$3000.

A Washington dispatch relative to counterfeiting on the Pacific coast says that Chief of the Secret Service Wilke declared the situation was not at all alarming, and that stories of wholesale counterfeiting have been freely exaggerated. He stated, however, that banks along the Pacific coast received on an average three to four spurious dollars a day. This indicates quite a large circulation, and secret service officers are laboring earnestly to apprehend the offenders. By using genuine silver the counterfeiters are enabled to make at least 40 cents on each dollar.

MILLIONS FOR LEARNING.

Mrs. Stanford's Munificent Gift to the University.

San Francisco.—Mrs. Jane L. Stanford, widow of the late Senator Stanford, has formally transferred all her vast wealth to the university which bears the name of her dead son. Deeds representing property valued at more than \$10,000,000 have been given in trust to the trustees of the Leland Stanford, Junior, University, and this, added to its previous endowment of over \$15,000,000, makes it one of the richest institutions of the kind in the world.

The property includes stocks of the Southern Pacific company, of the Southern Pacific Improvement company, the Market Street Railway company, stocks in eastern railways, in coal mines, in everything that might

or might not pay a dividend; real estate in California and elsewhere, including property adjoining the Vina ranch and adjoining the Palo Alto farm purchased after the other property had been dedicated to the university use, and even her jewels went in with the rest. It was believed her jewels amounted in value to nearly \$4,000,000, but this is denied. They will amount to a goodly sum, but not to those figures.

There were \$8000 in war revenue tax stamps attached to the deeds of trust.

In turning over her property Mrs. Stanford read an address to the trustees suggesting plans for the future and advising as to the present. She asked that there should be established courses in mechanical training where the hands of the students could be taught as well as their heads; she asked that professors be put in the workshops as well as in the lecture rooms, and she expressed a wish that these mechanical courses be made fully as complete and valuable as the scientific and classical courses.

Hereafter the only control she will exercise over her former vast estates will be that of a trustee of the university. She has shown great ability as a manager, having made both the Palo Alto and Vina farms pay, which they did not do during the lifetime of her husband, and in accepting her munificent gift the board of trustees count on her valuable aid and advice in the future.

Under the laws of this state, real property cannot be deeded to a charitable or benevolent corporation, and as Mrs. Stanford, who contemplates a trip to Europe, wishes the university to be assured of its endowment, she decided to forestall any possible accident by giving it all she possessed in a strictly legal manner.

In making the transfer she provided that if any of the trustees prove unworthy of the trust, he may be removed by a majority vote of the others. She said she had already made three changes herself. The board of trustees has elected S. F. Lieb president, Charles G. Lathrop, treasurer, and Russel J. Wilson, vice-chairman. Mrs. Stanford has gone to her Vina home to prepare for an extended visit abroad.

THE WHIPPING POST.

Reported Among Other Changes Contemplated for San Quentin.

San Francisco.—The Examiner says: "Several changes are contemplated by the State Board of Prison Directors when Warden Aguirre takes office on July 1. Among the most radical of these will be the re-establishment of the whipping post."

Warden Hale says that means more severe rules than those now used must be put in force to control the type of prisoners now confined at San Quentin. By the time the new warden takes charge it is thought that the incorrigible cells will be completed, and that about thirty of the worst types of criminals will be confined there."

FILIPINOS MAY STAY.

Washington.—It has been decided to allow the company of Filipino actors, now detained at San Francisco, to enter this country for the purpose of giving exhibitions. They will be required, however, to furnish a bond that they will return to their homes after the expiration of their engagements.

This case has been a difficult one to decide, because of the fact that these Filipinos came to this country under contract to give exhibitions. It will be held, however, that they are not contract laborers within the meaning of the contract labor law, and hence may be admitted under the conditions which the secretary may impose.

FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The steamer Moscow has sailed from Odessa with 3500 Cossack troops for Port Arthur.

In Denmark it is the law that all drunken persons shall be taken to their homes in carriages provided at the expense of the publican who sold them the last glass.

The wine cellar of the old Chaldean King, Argastes II, has been discovered near Lake Van, in Asia Minor. It was filled with colossal earthenware vessels some of which have been sent to the Berlin museum.

The London Daily Chronicle announces that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is likely to be liberated shortly, as a result of the pressure brought to bear by Joseph H. Choate, United States Ambassador, in favor of reopening the case.

LONDON.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Ambassador to the United States, and head of the British delegation at the Peace conference, will be elevated to the peerage. The announcement will be made in the list of the Queen's birthday honors.

MINES AND MINING.

THE NEW PLACERS.

Letter Received From a Miner in That Section.

William T. Smith & Co., assayers, have furnished a translation from the Spanish original of a letter received from a miner ninety miles from the recently-reported rich placer find in Lower California. The letter was sent to Joseph Corneau of this city, and says that the writer had sent men to the newly-found territory to investigate the truth of the rumors, and they brought back with them gold valued at \$56.25 which they had taken out of the ground. They said that no matter how poor luck the miners had, they could take out at least one and a half adarmes (\$1.68,) from each pan. The placers ground is said to cover six square leagues. The ground is six leagues from the coast and the water is at a distance of four leagues. The writer says that all the men in that section are leaving for the district. The writer of the letter is said to be an old miner, and it is evident that he has confidence in the new country.

LATE DAWSON ADVICES.

Evidences of Most Wonderful Output Yet Recorded.

Seattle.—The latest advice from Dawson, brought by L. H. Gray, are dated April 29. At that time evidence of the most wonderful output yet recorded were to be seen on every hand. Five thousand men are said to be in waiting at Dawson to take the first boats up the river. Half of them are miners, who have from \$1000 to \$50,000 each in dust.

The White Pass and Yukon railroad have bills on more than a million dollars of dust that is to come out. There is every indication that the river from Dawson to White Horse Rapids is now open. The lakes will be free from ice from June 1, and navigation will begin at that time. Fully 2000 people and thousands of tons of freight are at Lake Bennett waiting for the steamers. The indications are that White Pass road will be completed to Lake Bennett by July 15.

STEAM FOR ORE HAULING.

"I have come to Los Angeles to purchase a traction engine and a big ore wagon," said Charles Gracy of Kingman. These I shall use to haul ore from the Klondike mine to the mill on the river, as the mill will shortly be doubled in capacity and run night and day. The Klondike has developed into one of the richest gold mines in the territory. Kingman is unusually prosperous. We have much around us to make it. The mines are being opened in a very systematic manner, and some promising prospects are being daily found. Arizona is attracting more attention than any other state or territory, and I look for her steady development from now on."

MINING NOTES.

A 200-ton smelter has been erected at Cobre Grande mine, in Sonora, Mex.

There is talk in Colorado of a deal for the purchase of the Portland mine, one of the richest in that state. The price talked of is \$10,000,000.

The Utah consolidated smelter and mine has been turned over to the Standard Oil syndicate, and their lieutenants placed in charge of the property.

A correspondent of the Redding, Cal. Free Press says all the placer ground near Bragdon which can be worked with a dredging outfit has been bonded.

The Monterey, Mex., Globe says that during the present year 38 mines have been denounced in the State of Sonora, of which 144 were in the Montezuma district.

The Hudson mine, situated near Rough and Ready, has been bonded to San Francisco parties, and work is to begin on it next Monday. George Church owns the mine.

The Loyal lead mine of Black Hills, Amador county, which has not been worked for several years, is another of the many old and long-idle mines to be reopened and developed.

The latest information respecting the proposed sale of the Butte mine, at Randsburg, Cal., is that the Little Butte company will take it on a working bond and lease for \$50,000.

London reports show that Stratton's Independence mine, at Cripple Creek, Colo., was sold in London for 1,100,000 pounds (about \$5,400,000 and not \$10,000,000, as originally reported.)

The Leadville, (Colo.) Miner says that the Rhudefefa copper mine, located and opened up by Ed Haggerty and partners, in the Battle Lake district of Wyoming within the past two years, is about to be purchased by the new copper syndicate for \$900,000.